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City to Hold Open House to Celebrate New Location of the Downtown Senior Center

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The public is invited to an Open House to celebrate the opening of the new Downtown Senior Center at 560 Pleasant Street on Thursday June 21, 2007 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. At approximately 9:00 the mayor and other speakers will greet the public and welcome them to the new location. Everyone, regardless of age, is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

In April 2007, Mayor Scott W. Lang and the Council on Aging (COA) Board announced that the New Bedford Council on Aging would relocate the Downtown Senior Center programs from the 572 Pleasant Street location to a new facility, two doors to the south, in the Masonic Building at 560 Pleasant Street. The mayor also pledged to improve the programming offered to area residents at the Downtown Senior Center. As a result, a new program available at the Downtown Senior Center beginning on August 1, 2007, is an elderly nutrition program. Delicious and healthy lunches will be served on location on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Mayor Lang said of the new location and additional opportunities available at the center, "Our seniors absolutely deserve the upgraded facility and programming that comes with this move. I encourage New Bedford seniors to visit the Downtown Senior Center and take advantage of all that it offers: a sense of community, an inviting setting, and access to programs and exciting events. Seniors will find comfort in coming to a safe place as the facility will be located next door to the future Downtown police station," he continued.

Council on Aging Board Chairperson Jeanne Mathieu expressed confidence that New Bedford seniors will enjoy their new home and expanded services. "The new space is large, bright and inviting and is just next door to where the seniors previously met. The COA Board is working to offer expanded services to our local seniors including an on site lunch program," said Jeanne.

The New Bedford Council On Aging was established in 1969 by City Ordinance in Accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40 Section 8B of the General Laws of

Massachusetts. The Council provides and coordinates services to assist area elderly residents.

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